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Sir:

In partial response to the 08 February 2010 office action, please consider the attached declaration. The declaration provides evidence that the rejection based on Barron (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0163161) is improper.

A meeting scheduled for 27 May 2010 with the examiner and undersigned counsel for applicant is set to discuss the issues raised by the 08 February 2010 office action. Applicant will file a response to the office action shortly after meeting with the examiner.

Respectfully submitted,  
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